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1. FYI. DEPARTMENT'S PRESS GUIDANCE FOR INQUIRIES PROMPTED BY LITGAZ STORY ABOUT KHARCHENKO CASE FOLLOWS:
2. Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT A SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT AN ALLEGED PROVOCATION AGAINST A MEMBER OF THEIR UN MISSION?

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3.A.ON JULY 29 THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY HANDED AN OFFICER

OF OUR MOSCOW EMBASSY A NOTE PROTESTING AN ALLEGED QUOTE
PROVOCATION UNQUOTE BY QUOTE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES
UNQUOTE AGAINST O. V. KHARCHENKO, A SECOND SECRETARY AT THE
SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. IT IS OUR
POLICY NOT TO COMMENT ON SUCH ALLEGATIONS. I CAN SAY, HOW-
EVER, THAT THE OFFICIAL PROTEST DOES NOT ALLEGE A THREAT
AGAINST MR. KHARCHENKO'S LIFE, AS IS DONE BY THE SOVIET
NEWSPAPER QUOTE LITERARY GAZETTE UNQUOTE. HABIB

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